

- Minutes of the Recreation Commission Meeting
- Monday, November 8, 2010

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- Attending: John Owens, Stephanie King, David Kane, Lee Slap, Ann Bere, Laurie Carlson

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- Absent: Andrew Levin, Betsy Lipson, Dennis Rocha

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- 7:00 pm Meeting Called to Order

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- The Director updated the Commission on a continuing problem with a resident while swimming at the Higginbottom pool. A sign was posted at the pool stating that showering without clothing in the group shower is forbidden. A letter was approved to be sent to that particular resident stating the Department's position on this issue. The letter was drafted with the assistance of Capt. Peter Hoerr of the Belmont Police Dept.

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- The Commission discussed one of the proposed locations of the new library. This plan would take away the green space in front of the Underwood Pool. The Commission feels that this location for a parking lot would not be safe and are not in favor of losing green space. The possibility of locating the library at the Concord Ave fields would result in the disruption of our Middle School and adult softball leagues.

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- The Commission discussed Article 8 on the Town Meeting Warrant which would ban smoking on all Town playgrounds. A vote was taken following that discussion. The Commission voted unanimously to support that Article. The Director then left to attend Town Meeting for that vote.

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- The Commission discussed a request by Capt. Peter Hoerr to post no trespassing signs on Town parks after dusk. The Commission will request that Capt. Hoerr attend a future meeting to further discuss this issue.

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- The Commission discussed a suggestion by the Department that family memberships are limited to immediate family only and that the Department is allowed to limit the number of membership tags given to families. The Commission supports this limit. The Commission also agreed that membership privileges not be restored to a family who received them free of charge and then transferred them to another family.

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- Revenue through October was reviewed and the Commission was updated on the process for submitting the FY12 budget.

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- The Commission reviewed and accepted the minutes of the September meeting.

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- 8:30 pm Meeting Adjourned

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